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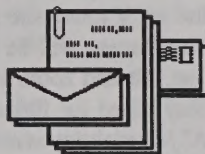
I imagine by this time everyone has recovered from all the delicious food consumed at the FWRC annual Spring Banquet. Sandy Thompson, certified weather specialist from channel 15, provided us with a very enjoyable and informative program. A BIG Thank You to the ladies and everyone who helped make the banquet a success.

The ATV highlight of last month was the installation of Sky Cam, providing 360 degrees of video, from part way up the antenna tower at the Indiana-Purdue campus ATV repeater site. It has tone controlled on, off, pan, tilt, and zoom functions. After a short trial period, Sky Cam was removed for improvements and final configuring. It will be permanently reinstalled soon. Keep Watching. Make plans NOW to come out SOMETIME on Field Day weekend, June 23,24, and 25 at Payton Park, east of Hometown. Help with setup, just stop by to visit, operate a station, come and enjoy the Hog Roast and other excellent food being planned, camp out overnight, play BINGO, or sit by the huge campfire and trade experiences. There is something for everyone, so come out and be a part of the activities.



Come out for a challenge, and a good time at the next FOXHUNT, June 19, 6:30 PM at the Allen County Fairgrounds. If you don't have equipment, ride along with someone and share the excitement. Our guest speaker for the FWRC June meeting will be Officer Richard Wharton, from the Ft Wayne Police Dept. Office of Crime Prevention. The topic will be Personal Safety Tactics and Neighborhood Crime Prevention. The meeting will be Friday June 16, 7:30 PM at the Salem Church clubhouse on Lake Ave. Bring lots of questions. See you there. 73's

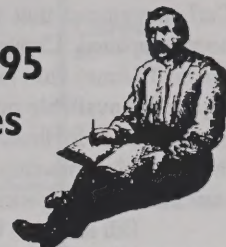
Carl (N9NRO)



Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming!

Yes! We are still in business! For any of you who sent any correspondence to the FWRC Post Office Box and had it "returned to sender", we would like to apologize to you for the inconvenience. Most of all, we would really like to extend a warm thank you to the workers at the local Post Office station who issued the annual invoice one week before the due date and then promptly shut the box when it wasn't paid within the week! In private industry, the consumer is given a grace period in which to pay a bill and is given at least a verbal or written warning prior to discontinuation of service. It's no wonder that private companies like the United Parcel Service are taking away your market share!

May 1995 Minutes



The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:

The Fort Wayne Radio Club met May 19, 1995 at the Salem Church of Christ. President Carl, N9NRO called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours. There were about 100 members and guests in attendance.

As this was the Spring Banquet, everyone had a thoroughly delicious meal partially provided by the Club, and partially provided by (lets face it, the wives/significant others of) members. Hats off to all the ladies, and especially Jean Anderson, that provided such a great meal.

The April minutes were read and approved.

Jim Pliett reported that the last Foxhunt was an evening affair with KB9DOP/KB9DOS acting as the fox; they wound up parking out in New Haven pumping 50 watts into a horizontally polarized beam which they spun around with vicious glee. But despite this subterfuge, they were (first) found by next months foxes N9NRO & N9QLX.

K8WEO came in 2nd while K9OMA and first mate KA9YYI came in 3rd. The rabid pack of foxhunters also included N9AVR, N9MKB, KF9AW, KF9VZ, N9OBL, K9DOP and N9KKG. Next months Foxhunt is slated to start from the Allen County Fairgrounds on 19 June starting at 19:00 hours. Incumbent Fox N9NRO was heard to say "I'll really fool em this time, I'm gonna use negative frequencies ...hee hee!"

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Radio Club

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May Minutes (continued)

Carl announced that the club roster had been completed. Copies will be available at the next (June) club meeting. In addition, copies are available over at N9MKB Cliff Shreve's shack for those who can't wait until the next club meeting. Let Cliff know if your interested in picking one up.

Bill Kindred, WA9RAP noted that there was nothing to report on relative to the status of the QSL card project as he had not been able to catch up with Harry Harvey who is helping coordinate the project.

Field Day will be upon us before we know it (it will occur the weekend of 24 June with setup starting the afternoon of the 23rd). Jean Anderson is once again arranging for the dinner to be available on the evening of the 24th. Jean needs to have a tally of how many people plan to attend the dinner by no later than 5 June so that she can plan the amount of food required. Please contact her (637-6426) by no later than the 5th if you plan to attend.

Cliff Shreve acting as chairman of the Club Banner Committee conducted a tear-filled ceremony whereby we retired the venerable (a.k.a. old) club banner that had served us well for lo these many years. In retiring the old banner, Cliff thanked Carole Burke and Kathy Raptis for the effort they put in constructing it and noted that we would save it and perhaps donate it to an Amateur Radio display at Science Central should that become a reality. He then presented and displayed the new club banner that had been constructed by the club's banner subcontractor, Karl Thomas.

Cliff Shreve, who also is serving as this years Hamfest chairman reported that things are progressing nicely for the Hamfest which will occur on Saturday 9 September at the Allen County Fairgrounds. He noted that we are receiving a large vendor sign-up and that we have contracted for the use of all buildings. Cliff and co-chair Jean Anderson commented that one of this years goals is to essentially double the attendance (from 1000 to 2000). Increased attendance is a sure fire way to entice more high quality vendors to participate, and this of course eventually results in even more attendance. Carl announced that the club has arranged for FWRC 75th year commemorative T-shirts to be made available to club members.

They can contain your name, call and the club logo and are available at \$15/ each in size L and XL through Kathy Raptis. Kathy can also arrange for sizes 2X and 3X if needed for an additional \$3.00. If your interested in purchasing one,, contact Kathy at 799 4827.

At it's last meeting the club's Board of Directors endorsed a suggestion that the club participate in the Three Rivers Parade.

Carl noted that we would like to enter a float in the parade, perhaps making use of the Field Day trailer as it's basis. Anyone interested in chairing the project, or interested in developing theme ideas for the float or otherwise working on the project, please contact Carl as soon as possible.

Carl and Jim Pliett noted that development of a remotely controlled camera mounted on the ATV tower site at IPFW is in process. The camera will be able to be adjusted in pan, tilt and zoom via touch tone control. Stay tuned for further details as this new ATV capability is matured.

The May program was provided by Sandy Thompson, Certified Weather Specialist from WANE Channel 15. Sandy provided a thoroughly interesting discussion on the ins-and-outs of the weather forecasting business, especially as it applies to commercial TV, and also gave us significant insight into the controversy raging over the NEXRAD radar and it's implications on weather forecast coverage in the Ft. Wayne area.

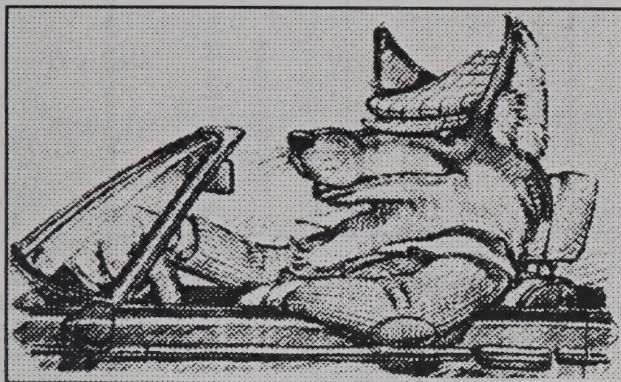
Respectfully submitted, Al Burke, WB9SSE

Tower Wars Extend Into Private Sector - Wall Street Journal

Public opposition to communications towers is slowing the rapid growth of the new PCS (personnel communication service) radio franchise companies. PCS is a new form of telecommunications which hopes to offer telephone and data transmission services into "Dick Tracy" sized receivers. In order to compete with existing cellular services, the PCS companies will need to install over 11,500 cell sites, utilizing 150 foot high towers, within the next two years. This is a rather ambitious goal, as it took over a decade for the current cellular companies to

accomplish the PCS objectives. PCS companies, such as American Personal Communications, INC, has found out what many hams and other commercial radio companies have known for years - that many people have an NIMB (not in my backyard) attitude when it comes to radio towers. APC's first proposed tower site was on a Potomac golf course. Nearby residents complained that it resembled "having a trash dump at the end of one's driveway". APC went so far as to tether a helium balloon bearing a smiley face up to the 150 foot level at the proposed tower site, but the residents "did not smile back". APC then attempted to lease space at a prep school, but parents and local residents were opposed. They then offered to install a tower on an existing fire station tower site, but a neighbor complained that the taller tower could topple over onto his house, or that icicles could form and impale pedestrians below. Many feared the loss of property value from such a tower installation. APC even tried to rent space atop a commercial office building in downtown Baltimore, but the landlord jacked the rent up 40% more than APC was willing to pay. "A greed factor comes in, and landlords start wondering how deep your pockets are," says Michael Cassidy, president of a Potomac company which specializes in tower site acquisitions. Not only does APC have to contend with tower site leasing, but they must also pay for the relocation of existing services on the frequencies that they bought from the FCC raffle. These services, consisting of utilities, railroads, and fire departments, are demanding modern radio system upgrades with better quality and more features than their existing systems before they will agree to make the move. In the mean time, cellular companies are still growing at 50% subscriberships per year and won't have to fight the relocation battles.

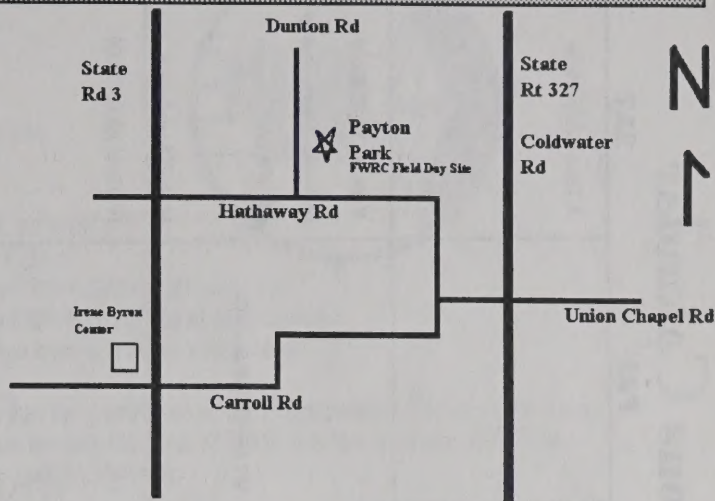
On the subject of tower zoning controversies, David and Sharon Brower of Vero Beach, Fla lost their battle to raise and operate from an 87 foot tower on their property. Even their radio transmissions were prohibited from causing any interference to their neighbors. The ARRL and FCC have declined to intervene on behalf of the Browsers in further appealing the case.



Allen County Fox Hunt

Just a reminder that the June Fox Hunt has been moved to the 19th of the month. It will take place at 7pm on Monday evening. Be sure to show up between 6:30 and 7:00pm to check in and be ready for the start. Carl, N9NRO will be the fox. Bring your circular-polarized antennas and digital synthesizer circuits along, as there is no telling what tricks he'll use!

The Whitley county hunt will take place on Saturday, June 10 at 1pm. The foxes, N9AHF and KB9IHS will be on 446.0. Meet at the Aldi's parking lot at US30 and SR109. If you do not have DF equipment or portable beam antennas, show up and catch a ride with one of the hunters. There's always room to ride along!



FWRC Field Day Site: Go north on Highway 3.

First road north of Carroll is Hathaway. Turn right onto Hathaway. First road on left will be Dunton. Go north on Dunton, Payton Park will be on the right, less than 2/10 mile north of Hathaway.

The DX PAGE

Maximum Useable Frequencies for June 1995

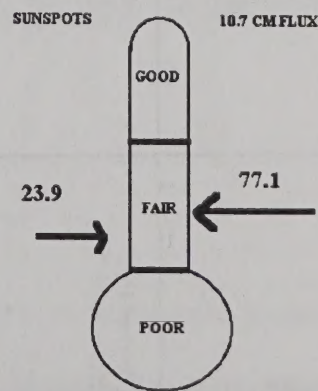
Number indicates maximum useable frequency, in MHz. The font indicates the chance of contact:

***Bold** - good *(italic)* - poor Normal - Fair

EST	AFRI	ASIA	PACIF	EURO	SO. AM
1	21	17	*22	16	*14
3	<i>(17)</i>	14	*15	<i>(12)</i>	*13
5	<i>(19)</i>	12	14	<i>(12)</i>	*14
7	23	<i>(14)</i>	13	15	17
9	26	16	<i>(12)</i>	17	21
11	28	16	<i>(12)</i>	18	*24
13	*28	<i>(14)</i>	<i>(11)</i>	18	*26
15	23	<i>(18)</i>	<i>(22)</i>	17	*27
17	19	20	26	16	*25
19	<i>(16)</i>	20	28	13	*20
21	*15	19	28	11	*17
23	*16	<i>(18)</i>	26	*13	*15



SOLAR HISTORY FOR MAY





1995 - Communications Calendar

SUN**MON****TUE****WED****THUR****FRI****SAT**

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2 Swap net 19:00
Sloppy Code 21:00

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4 Hunt. ARES 20:00
TNT 20:00

**Independence Day**

5 Whitley ARES 19:15
21 Repeater Group 21:00
West Coast Qual Run 23:00

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7

8 Hunt. ARES 20:00
IARU HF Championship >
CQ WW VHF Contest >
Indy Hamfest >

9 Swap Net 19:00
Sloppy Code 21:00

10

< IARU HF Championship
ARCI QRP CW Homebrew
< CQ WW VHF Contest



Allen County Foxhunt
18:30 @ Fairgrounds

< Indy Hamfest

16 Swap Net 19:00
Sloppy Code 21:00

17

VanWert Hamfest

18 Hunt. ARES 20:00
TNT 20:00

19 Whitley ARES 19:15
21 Repeater Group 21:00
VHF/UHF All-Band Sprint

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**FWRC Regular Meeting 19:30**

22 Hunt. ARES 20:00

23 Swap Net 19:00
Sloppy Code 21:00

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25 Hunt. ARES 20:00
TNT 20:00

26 Whitley ARES 19:15
21 Repeater Group 21:00

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29 Hunt. ARES 20:00
RSGB IOTA Contest
W1AW Qual Run 20:00

New Moon

Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

(Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time GMT-5 hours)

[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

NET FREQS: TNT 146.76 | Murphy Swap 146.94 | Sloppy Code 7.1405 | Huntington ARES 146.685 | Whitley ARES 147.150 | 21 Repeater Group 147.150

Daily Nets: Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 19:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 18:30 | Auburn 147.360 18:00 | Fox trot FM 29.100 19:00 | Mobile Ten SSB/CW 28.400 Saturday 19:00

For Sale:

ICOM 229H 50 Watt 2m base/mobile rig \$300 N9GK 485-0384



Computer Cables: \$1 each Bernie Holm K9JDF 485-0164H 429-5901W
DB-9 (M) to DB-25 (M) 6' mini-DIN-8 (M) to DB-9 (F) 6'
mini-DIN-8 (M) to DB-9 (M) 6' mini-DIN-8 (M) to mini-DIN-8 (M) 6' 10' and 15'
mini-DIN-8 (M) to DB-25 (M) 6' mini-DIN-8 (M) to mini-DIN-8 (F) 6' keyed or unkeyed
DIN-5 (M) to mini-DIN-8 (M) 6' Quantities "in stock" range between 20 to 380 pieces!

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97, W9INX.

1994 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME _____ CALL _____ CLASS: N T G A E

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE # () _____ WORK TELEPHONE # () _____

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDR/PHONE# IN MEMBER ROSTER? Y N ARRL MEMBER? Y N

MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC, July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family (list all calls)
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full time student
ASSOCIATE MEMBER: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member
YOUR CHECK NUMBER # _____ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (Request one from President at any Regular Club Meeting)
Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder.

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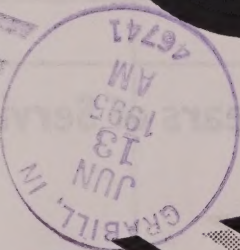
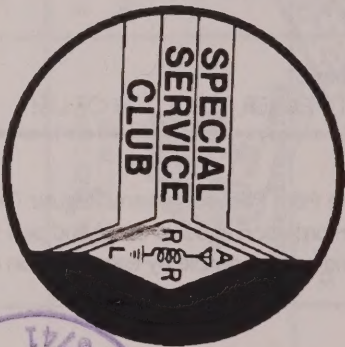
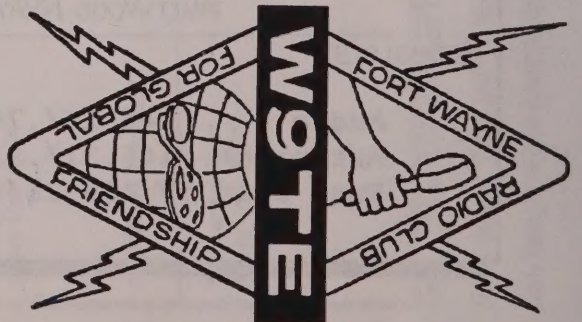
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